September 18, 2007

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

5:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tempore Kistler called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Rev. Warren Scott led all in prayer and Pledges of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Present to wit: Mayor Pro-Tempore Margaret Kistler, Aldermen Wayne Browning, Douglas Lottridge, Joe Ed Lynn, and Derek Anderson; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Administrator Lynn Roberts and City Secretary Betty Hollon. City Attorney, Charley Smith arrived at 5:36 p.m. Mayor Monte Richardson was absent due to the birth of his son.

CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to adopt the agenda as presented with the exception Items 9 and 10 be reversed. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Anderson to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2007 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Any Public Comment that is made on an item that is not on the posted final agenda will only be heard by the City Council. No formal action, discussion, deliberation, nor comment will be made by the Council.)

No one wished to address Council.

REPORT OR REQUEST(S) FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS/CITY ATTORNEY

Alderman Browning asked if there was an ordinance which addressed tall grass. Mayor Pro-Tempore Kistler commented on the EDC's budget and asked for a line item budget in the future. Alderman Lottridge requested a monthly EDC Budget Report be put in their packet each month.

8. REPORT OR REQUEST(S) FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR/DEPARTMENT HEADS

Administrator Roberts reported the Annual Fall Clean-up allowing free access for residential customers to the Recycling Center would be October 22 thru November 3. Administrator Roberts also gave an update on the progress of Clark Park.

The Council was asked if they would prefer getting their packets on Thursday afternoon instead of Friday and their response was yes.

City Secretary, Betty Hollon failed to turn recorder on at beginning of meeting. Recorder turned on at 5:45 p.m.

9. CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE KERBOW & ASSOCIATES TO PROCEED ON 2009/2010 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Browning for Kerbow & Associates to proceed on the 2009/2010 Texas Community Development Program Grant Application. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE KERBOW & ASSOCIATES AGREEMENT FOR 2009/2010 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mr. Steve Kerbow spoke regarding the 2009/2010 grant application in which the City would be eligible to apply for \$350,000. The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Lynn to approve the agreement presented by Kerbow & Associates. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 ON PHASE II OF CLARK PARK PRESENTED BY O'MALLEY ENGINEERS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mr. Tim Robertson of O'Malley Engineers presented Change Order No. 1 on Phase II of Clark Park. The change order is critical to prevent erosion on the sports fields during the winter months by providing sprigging and irrigation.

The motion was made by Alderman Anderson and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve Change Order Number 1 on Phase II as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL 2008 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Per Mayor Richardson's recommendation, the motion was made by Alderman Lynn and seconded by Alderman Anderson to appoint Alderman Browning as Representative and Alderman Lottridge as Alternate Representative to the Houston-Galveston Area Council 2008 General Assembly. Motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION TO AMEND CITY OF BELLVILLE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to amend the City's Group Health Insurance Policy as follows:

Retiree Insurance shall be provided to all full time employees with a minimum of 10 years of consecutive service immediately prior to Retirement from the City of Bellville and reaching Texas Municipal Retirement System eligibility from the City of Bellville. Eligibility must be immediate and continuous. Any lapse in eligibility status forfeits all future benefit.

If at any time after retirement a retiree accepts employment where Group Health Coverage or Group Health Benefit is available, the retiree shall forfeit his/her eligibility for City of Bellville Retiree Insurance Coverage. Said retiree shall have 30 days to notify the City of Bellville of such employment and will be immediately ineligible and subject to reimbursement to the City of Bellville for prior premiums paid on behalf of said retiree.

If retiree has qualified for a Retiree Group Health Insurance Benefit with previous employer(s) he/she will not be eligible for City of Bellville Retiree Benefit.

All premiums for eligible retirees and dependents shall be paid at the same rate as active employees. Premiums shall be paid by the City of Bellville but shall not exceed a maximum of \$500.00 per month.

If retiree/dependent premium exceeds \$500.00 the retiree shall have until the 10th day of each month to remit payment to the City of Bellville for additional premium or coverage is subject to termination.

When a retiree reaches the age of 65 and/or becomes eligible for Medicare coverage, the benefit will automatically convert to the Medicare product offered by the Insurance Carrier at that time.

Motion carried unanimously.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Anderson to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously